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Battle Creek, MI 49015-3241

CC: 96-45

FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Mr. Martin,

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Sincerely,


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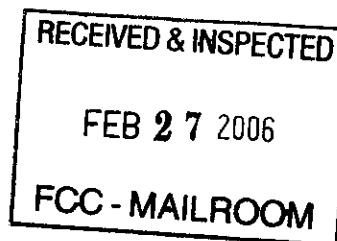
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John McLean

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From: "Keep USF Fair Coalition" <comments@keepusffair.org>
To: <jmmc_@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 7:56 PM
Subject: Thank you for sending a message to your Representative, John



Dear John McLean,

Thank you, John for telling your Members of Congress to keep our local and cell phone bills affordable. We appreciate your help.

Want to do more to help make sure the USF tax stays fair? Our campaign will be more effective if you print your letter and mail to: FCC, Chairman Kevin J Martin, 445 12th St SW, Washington, DC, 20554.

Thanks again John. We will keep you posted on our progress. You can keep up with what we're doing to help at <http://www.KeepUSFFair.org>

If you would like to update your account information, please visit your subscription management page for Keep USF Fair at: <http://keepusffair.org/KeepUSFFair/smp.tcl?s=w3s5d6s9l7bdkxed>

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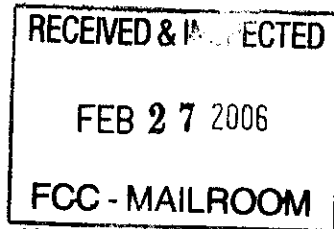
125 Redwood Avenue



Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

February 17, 2006

07: 96-45



Subject: I oppose the FCC's plan to raise phone taxes

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Dear Chairman Martin:

I would like to express my deep concern with the proposed increase in my monthly telephone bill. I do not think The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) should initiate an unfair change in the way funds are collected for the Universal Service Fund (USF).

I think the current way USF is collecting funds as a "pay-for-what-you-use" system is fair.

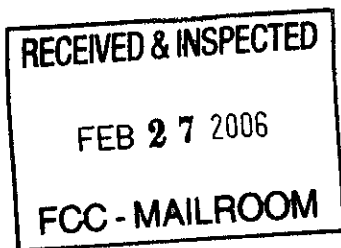
A change would result in additional costs that would excessively burden me, my friends and family, and members of our community. With constantly increasing costs of heating fuel, gasoline, medical care and prescription drugs, the last thing I, or anyone else, needs is another unnecessary phone fee. It makes no sense to penalize a person with added costs who, in the interest of saving money, conscientiously limits the long-distance calls they make. If I make fewer calls than someone else, I should pay less. This new scheme would just end up taking more money directly out of my pocket. Such a radical change is unfair and unnecessary.

Sincerely,

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Steve McGarvey

6232 Beck Ave , North Hollywood, California 91606



FCC, Chairman Kevin J. Martin,
445 12th Street SW,
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Kevin J. Martin:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose your plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

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Steve McGarvey

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Patricia Kwiatkowski

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Senator Mel Martinez
United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Martinez:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

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Please pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know that your constituents have contacted you to oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan. Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Kwiatkowski

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Meritha Jackson-Corzine

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November 2, 2005 8:33 PM

Senator Richard Burr
U.S. Senate
217 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Burr:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

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The Keep USF Fair Coalition, of which I am a member, keeps me informed about the USF issue with monthly newsletters and up to date information on their website, including links to FCC information. While I am aware that federal law does not require companies to recover, or "pass along" these fees to their customers, the reality is that they do. As a consumer I would like ensure I am charged fairly. If the FCC goes to a numbers taxed, my service will cost more. And according to the Coalition's recent meetings with top FCC officials, the FCC has plans to change to a flat fee system soon and without legislation.

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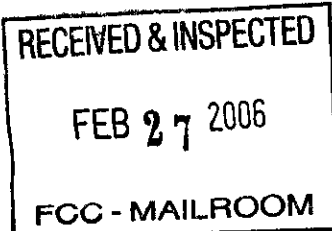
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Joyce Beckerman

113 Walnut St. Apt. #37, Neptune, NJ 07753

November 30, 2005 5:28 PM

Representative Frank Pallone
U.S. House of Representatives
420 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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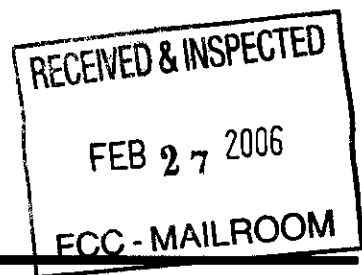
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November 30, 2005 5:20 PM

Representative Roy Blunt
U.S. House of Representatives
217 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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